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17 YEAR OLD CHARGED WITH MURDER IN CARJACK AND SHOOTING DEATH OF TWO MEN

PHOENIX, ARIZONA -- The United States Attorney's Office for the District of Arizona, announced today that a federal grand jury at Phoenix, Arizona, returned an 18 count superseding indictment that added Johnny Orsinger of Tsaille, Arizona to an indictment that had previously charged Gregory Nakai 21, and Jimmy Nakai, Jr. 23 of Round Rock, Az, Dennie Leal 24 of Lower Greasewood, Az. and Teddy Orsinger, 35 of Tsaille, Arizona in connection with the carjacking murder of Jesbert Sam of Chinle, Arizona and David Begay of Burnt Corn, Arizona.

The indictment alleges that on or about August 18, 2001, that the named defendants kidnaped, carjacked and murdered the victims and in the process used a handgun. Johnny Orsinger is in federal custody as are the others. Trial is currently set for September 3, 2002 before the Honorable Frederick Martone.

The federal indictment charges all four defendants with violating:

Counts 1 and 7 First Degree Murder, in violation of Title 18 of the United States Code, Sections 1153, 2 and 1111, which carries a maximum penalty of \$250,000, life imprisonment or both.

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Counts 2, 4, 6, 8, 10, 12, 14, 16 & 18, Use of a Firearm Resulting in Death, in violation of Title 18 United States Code Sections 2, 924(c) & (j) which carries a penalty of \$250,000, life imprisonment or both and must run consecutively to any other sentence for a crime of violence.

Counts 3 & 15 Felony Murder, Kidnaping in violation of Title 18 United States Code, Section 1153, 2 and 1111 which carries a maximum penalty of \$250,000, life imprisonment or both

Counts 5 & 17, Kidnaping in violation of United States Code, Sections 1153, 2 & 1201(a)(2), which carries a maximum penalty of \$250,000, life imprisonment or both

Count 9, Carjacking in violation of Title 18 United States Code, Section 2 & 2119, which carries a maximum penalty of death, life imprisonment and a \$250,000 fine.

Count 11 Felony Murder-Robbery, in violation of Title 18 United States Code, Sections 1153, 2 and 1111, which carries a maximum penalty of \$250,000, life imprisonment or both.

Count 13 Robbery, in violation of Title 18 United States Code, Sections 1153, 2 and 2111, which carries a maximum penalty of \$250,000, 15 years or both.

An indictment is simply the method by which a person is charged with criminal activity and raises no inference of guilt. An individual is presumed innocent until competent evidence is presented to a jury that establishes guilt beyond a reasonable doubt.

The investigation preceding the indictment was conducted Navajo Department of Law Enforcement and the Federal Bureau of Investigation's Safe Trails Task Force.

The prosecution is being handled by Vincent Q. Kirby, Assistant United States Attorney, District of Arizona, Phoenix, Arizona.

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